



# SYNOPSIS

Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions  
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## **SENATE BILLS INTRODUCED February 27, 2015**

### **SB 868     Senator Ferguson**

#### **PUBLIC UTILITIES – TRANSPORTATION NETWORK SERVICES**

Authorizing the establishment of transportation network services in the State; authorizing an individual to submit an application for registration as a transportation network operator; requiring a transportation network company to conduct, or have a third party conduct, a specified criminal history records check using a specified database and obtain and review a driving record check for each applicant before approving an application for the applicant; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

PU, §§ 1-101(e), (pp), (qq), and (rr) and 10-102(b) - amended and Various Sections - added

Assigned to: Senate Rules

### **SB 869     Senators Edwards and Serafini**

#### **HEALTH INSURANCE – AMBULANCE SERVICE PROVIDERS – DIRECT REIMBURSEMENT – REPEAL OF TERMINATION DATE**

Repealing the termination date of specified provisions of law relating to direct reimbursement by health insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations for transportation by ambulance.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

Chapter 425 of the Acts of 2011, § 4 and Chapter 426 of the Acts of 2011, § 4 - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

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**SB 870**     **Senator Edwards****GARRETT COUNTY – MEMORIAL HOSPITAL – BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

Imposing term limits on specified members of the Board of Governors of the Garrett County Memorial Hospital; increasing from 1 to 2 weeks the notice required before removing a member of the Board of Governors; repealing the authority of the Board of Governors to fill a vacancy under specified circumstances; authorizing the Board of Governors to implement the rates for hospitalization as prescribed by the Health Services Cost Review Commission; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

PLL of Garrett Co, Art. 12, §§ 36.03 and 36.04 - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

**SB 871**     **Senator Pugh****HEALTH INSURANCE – SPECIALTY DRUGS – PARTICIPATING PHARMACIES**

Altering the conditions under which insurers, nonprofit health service plans, or health maintenance organizations may require a covered specialty drug to be obtained through a pharmacy participating in the provider network of the insurer, nonprofit health service plan, or health maintenance organization; altering the definition of “specialty drug”; applying the Act to all policies, contracts, and health benefit plans issued, delivered, or renewed in the State on or after January 1, 2016; etc.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2016

IN, § 15-847 - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

**SB 872**     **Senator Ferguson****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – BALTIMORE CITY – CHESAPEAKE SHAKESPEARE COMPANY’S DOWNTOWN THEATER AND EDUCATIONAL ANNEX**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$235,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Trustees of the Chesapeake Shakespeare Company for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Chesapeake Shakespeare Company’s Downtown Theater and Educational Annex, located in Baltimore City; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

Assigned to: Senate Rules

**SB 873**     **Senator Klausmeier****WORKERS’ COMPENSATION – TEMPORARY TOTAL DISABILITY BENEFITS – CREDIT**

Providing a credit for an employer or insurer for specified payments to a covered employee for temporary total disability benefits under specified circumstances and during a specified period; applying the Act only prospectively; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

LE, § 9-621 - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

**SB 874**     **Senator Klausmeier****WORKERS’ COMPENSATION – TEMPORARY TOTAL DISABILITY – INCARCERATED EMPLOYEES**

Providing that an employer or insurer is not liable for temporary total disability payments to a covered employee while the employee is incarcerated; providing for a specified exception; and applying the Act prospectively.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

LE, § 9-618.1 - added and § 9-621 - amended

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